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SUBJECT: BUSINESS FACILITATION MEETINGS

REF: MOSCOW 8056

1. EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS, ON APRIL 19, GAVE
SOVIET EMBASSY CHARGE FOLLOWING NON-PAPER, CONCERNING
BUSINESS FACILITATION MEETINGS:

BEGIN TEXT: WE WELCOME YOUR WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE HOLDING
REGULAR MEETINGS ON BUSINESS FACILITATION MATTERS, AND
AGREE THAT THEY SHOULD BE HELD AT THE LEVEL OF A DEPUTY
MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE IN MOSCOW AND AN ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE IN WASHINGTON.

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WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FOR THESE MEETINGS: (A)
THEY SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT LEAST SIX TIMES A YEAR (3 IN EACH
CAPITAL); (B) THEY SHOULD ALTERNATE BETWEEN MOSCOW AND
WASHINGTON; (C) THEY SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN SUCH A MANNER
AS TO FOSTER A BALANCE OF BENEFITS FOR BOTH SIDES. WHEN
MATTERS ARISE THAT INVOLVE OTHER PARTS OF THE RESPECTIVE
GOVERNMENTS, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND THE DEPART-

MENT OF COMMERCE WILL USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES TO ENLIST THE
COOPERATION OF THE MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

IF YOU FIND THESE GUIDELINES ACCEPTABLE, OUR ECONOMIC/
COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR IN MOSCOW WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET
WITH MR. MANZHULO AT HIS EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, IN ORDER
TO REESTABLISH THIS USEFUL CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION.
END TEXT.

2. VASEV DEFERRED COMMENT BUT SAID HE WOULD PASS MESSAGE
TO TRADE REPRESENTATIVE MKRTUMOV FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.
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